

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY KIGALI

C O N F I D E N T I A L BUJUMBURA 0438

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDIP, RW, BU  
SUBJ: SUGGESTED PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REF: KIGALI 602

1. WHILE WE AGREE BAGAZA HAS BEEN MAKING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE HIS RELATIONS WITH RWANDA WE NOT INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT SUGGESTED LETTER WOULD SERVE TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO WHICH, PRESUMABLY, WOULD BE THE POINT OF SENDING IT. IT IS TRUE THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME FORMAL PAPERING OVER THE TENSION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, BUT THE BASIC DISTRUST AND DISLIKE REMAIN. WITH THE OPEINING OF A CUBAN EMBASSY HERE EVEN FORMAL RELATIONS HAVE BEEN STRAINED. WHILE BURUNDI HAS MADE A START TOWARD RECONCILIATION WITH RWANDA WE BELIEVE MOVEMENT IN THAT DIRECTION STILL TOO TENUOUS TO WARRENT EXTRAORDINARY RECOGNITION BY PRESIDENT CARTER.

2. WE THINK GRB WOULD BE PUZZLED BY U.S. INITIATIVE. WE HAVE HERETOFORE SHOWN ONO OFFICIAL INTEREST IN CEPGL - CERTAINLY NOT TO EXTENT OF CONTRIBUTING ASSISTANCE TOWARDS ITS DEVELOPMENT; WE HAVE SHOWN NO PREVIOUS INTEREST IN BURUNDI/RWANDA RELATIONS; AND WE HAVE ALMOST NO INTEREST OR PROGRAMS  
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HERE. GRB WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND LOGIC OF PRESIDENTIAL BOLT FROM BLUE ON THIS MATTER AND WOULD BE INCLINED TO READ THINGS INTO IT THAT WERE NOT INTENDED. FINALLY, RECOGNITION OF COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES IN THIS EXTRAORDINARY MANNER, WOULD, AS FAR AS GRB CONCERNED, IMPLY U.S. WILLINGNESS TO BACK FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH ASSISTANCE, SOMETHING

WE HAVE NOT DECIDED UPON TO OUR KNOWLEDGE.

3. I BELIEVE IT MORE APPRPPRIATE TO LIMIT OURSELVES  
TO NORMAL ANNUAL MESSAGES (JULY 1 HERE) IN WHICH WE  
CAN RECOGNIZE THE FFORTS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS  
WITHOUT UNDULY EXCITING LOCAL SUSPICIONS OR EXPECTATIONS.  
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